

**ACCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Slingsby T67B Firefly, G-BLPI	
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Lycoming O-235-N2A piston engine	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	1984 (Serial no: 2016)	
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	4 July 2018 at 1500 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	RAF Wyton, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire	
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Training	
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Nose landing gear, fuselage, cowling and propeller damage; engine shock-loaded	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Student	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	25 years	
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	13 hours (of which 13 were on type) Last 90 days - 13 hours Last 28 days - 5 hours	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and additional video evidence	

After completing several successful touch-and-go landings with his instructor, the student was flying solo on a circuit consolidation flight. He reported that the aircraft hit a bump on the runway and that the second touchdown resulted in the nosewheel detaching. The propeller struck the ground and the aircraft came to rest on the runway.

The instructor reported that the approach appeared normal, but the aircraft became airborne momentarily just after touchdown. He stated that the nose pitched down and the nosewheel detached when it hit the runway.

A video of the accident showed that the aircraft bounced twice before pitching nose-down and striking the runway nosewheel-first.

The student reported that the event "happened extremely quickly" and he was unable to recall his exact actions. He stated that the aircraft struck the ground and the nosewheel detached before he could initiate a go-around.